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### THE INTERVIEW

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Geraldine Humphreys May had been interested and remarkably helpful in promoting child welfare, instituting leagues and working tirelessly herself in the lower parts of great cities. But her name did not become famous until she had, understandingly, written personal stories of various small foreign subjects. There was about Geraldine May's stories the charm of sincerity. One could almost see the pleading eyes of Pauline Trivick as one read the tragic story of the child's life, and one could laugh over the escapades of Tiny Tony Magnus.

Geraldine Humphreys May was entitled to her fame. But newspaper men found her a difficult person in the matter of interviews. Club women all over the country were clamoring to hear this clever woman's views on certain vital questions, anxious to see her picture, to know something of her personality. In vain Miss May declined to be published in magazines, determined she refused all ambitious newspaper reporters.

And because of this the Daily Herald was more than anxious to make that conquest, so it was decided to send Bill Hampton out for the Geraldine May story.

He just went after his interview and got it. Everybody liked Bill. "The High Brow," as the office force justly referred to the difficult lady, was known to be stopping at a secluded inn on the Hudson. When Bill reached the adjoining village he learned that Miss May and her niece occupied an apartment at the rear of the beautiful summer lodge, and that Miss Geraldine May might be seen every morning walking in the rear garden, while her niece camped on a high garden wall and watched for invaders.

Upon the approach of a stranger, the niece referred to as "Gerry," would slip down from the wall to give her aunt warning to retire.

Bill intended to waylay the niece herself upon one of her afternoon walks and endeavor to win her over to interview for him. Miss Gerry May usually spent her afternoons with book or sewing on a bench-tree set back from the road. So Bill Hampton found her. As he was always frank in his methods, he presented to her his card with explanation.

But she shook her head at him. "It's no use," she said. "Miss May could not be persuaded to see you. She will not talk for publication. She is busy most of the time now with her new book of stories. I don't blame her for not wanting to be bothered."

"But you see," explained Billy dolefully—"he had seated himself at Miss Gerry's side—"this thing would mean a big scoop for me. And I'm after fame too, by way of advancement in my business. I sure do work hard for that. And if your aunt refuses to see me, couldn't you see as a sort of interpreter—get her to tell you her views and all that?"

Gerry laid down her sewing and considered the eager yet humble young man before her.

"Why," she asked slowly, "would it be, as you say, a great scoop for you? Would it really help you out in your profession?"

Bill seized his advantage.

"Your aunt has always been charitably inclined," he suggested. "I am sure the old lady has a kind heart. And while I am not exactly on the lowest step of the newspaper ladder—" Bill paused, then his eyes lightened in anticipation. "It certainly would be a big thing for me," he said.

"Well, go on with your questions," she invited. "I'll take a chance on answering."

His glance was grateful but disappointed. He hated to hurt the feelings of this obliging little creature, but Gerry's interpretation of her cultured aunt's views would, he realized, scarcely measure up to the reputation of that unusual woman.

"Couldn't you," he stammered, "get her to write out the statement for you—a statement ready for publication?"

The niece's eyes met his, brown eyes, sadly reproachful, then suddenly laughing eyes with golden lights in their depths. Bill's heart fluttered and the fluttering was not at all unpleasant. The girl laughed and then Bill laughed too; a laugh of pure enjoyment in life and its surroundings, a happy laugh in the companionship of this wretched girl, whose fathomless eyes held and thrilled him strangely.

"No," the girl answered his question. "I could not get Miss May to write out a statement for publication, for you see, it's much easier to talk, I myself, happen to be that hunted down writer. And as you kindly suggest, being also a charitably inclined and kind-hearted old lady, I will help you with your scoop."

Bill Hampton stared.

"But," he began, then halted incredulously.

"Aunt Geraldine Humphreys May for whom I am named," Gerry patiently explained, "chaperones me about wherever I go; and I can talk intelligently upon the subject of child welfare," she added, "being vitally interested."

So Bill confusedly got out his pen.

"Did you get the high brow?" the boys at the office asked him, but he did not hear their question. He was wondering how he would be able to get his work out of the way tomorrow in order to catch the 1:30 out to Hudson River Inn.

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**Voice Never Permanently Changed.**  
 If the quality of the voice does not change appreciably with the years, neither can it be changed to any great extent by any vocal gymnastics. Numerous are the "methods" and "systems" advertised with this end in view, but they are futile. Great singers are born, not made. Quite true, training may (though often it does not) help to develop volume, suppleness and range of utterance, but the quality changes but little if at all.—New York Medical Journal.

**Fur Seals in the Pacific.**  
 The fur seals which make their home on the Pribilof islands, a barren group in the Bering sea, disappear from the islands at the beginning of the winter, and throughout that season are scattered about the waters of the North Pacific. Some of them never leave the ice seas about Alaska, but others venture as far south as the coast of California. But wherever they may be, when spring comes instinct leads them back to the desolate little islands.

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 Education as well as religion has its dogmas, and they are equally dangerous. — Winston Churchill, in North American Review.

**Were Pretty Well Advanced.**  
 Cheating contractors and crooked officials of Sumnerian civilization in Mesopotamia 5000 years ago were tried briefly and thrown into the river, according to recent scientific discoveries. Among other things, they had an elaborate banking system, with a reserve bank comparable to our own of today, a postal system with a parcel post branch and circulating libraries, which distributed clay tablet books.

**The Fox in Japan.**  
 In Japanese mythology the fox is represented as having been born first into this world at the descent of the Sun Goddess, and even now a fox is regarded by the humble classes as a messenger from heaven.

**Brief and Comprehensive.**  
 Ben Dietz has an express agency and transfer business in a village in Sonoma county, California. Recently he detailed one of his teamsters with a wagon and pair to take a San Francisco man and wife to their country place a few miles out of town. The bill, as rendered by the teamster, read: "Haul grip, grub, and people, three hours, three dollars."

## Some people live well on little money

**THEY** know how to buy food, how to cook it and how to keep it so that flavor and nourishment are fully retained. That's the whole secret.

No well-informed housewife, for instance, would be without ice in early Spring. The weather is too changeable; the temperature is too warm. The food might not spoil so badly that it could not be used; but it would lose the appetizing flavor which makes eating a pleasure and it would have less of the nourishing quality which your children especially need.

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### Lambs Make Up 80 Per Cent of Market Sheep

More than three-fourths or about 80 per cent of all the sheep that go to market are lambs, market receipts show. Demands of the consuming public for small, juicy cuts which cannot be obtained from older sheep and the fact that sheep return larger profits when marketed as lambs are pointed out by L. J. Horlacher, in charge of sheep work at the College of Agriculture, as the two main reasons for this condition.

"The most profitable lamb is the one which reaches marketable weight at an early age and requires a minimum amount of feed. The most popular weight for lambs is about 80 pounds although early in the present season those weighing around 45 pounds topped the market. As a general rule, no lamb weighing less than 60 pounds will bring a top price."

"Quality and breeding are continuing to command a premium on our markets. Experimental work at the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station has shown that lambs sired by pure bred rams not only weigh more a head when five months old than those sired by scrub rams but also that they sell for an average of 50 cents more a 100 pounds because of their type and quality. After the middle of May, markets begin to discriminate against 'bucky' lambs, the loss on these having been as much as \$4 a hundred pounds in some instances already this year. The meat from buck lambs is coarser and less palatable than that from weather and ewe lambs."

"Under average conditions, lambs intended for the market should be sold at weaning time. Records at the station farm show that during the hot, summer months they make little or no gain during the fall months than they are earlier in the season is an additional factor in favor of selling the lambs immediately after weaning."

"Large numbers of ewes are raised for breeding purposes each year by caking of their udders at weaning time. Placing them on dry feed or sparse pasture to check the milk flow and milking the udders out two or three times to prevent congestion will help prevent this. Ewes usually are dried up from four to six weeks before the beginning of the next breeding season."

**Wives Expensive in Kurdistan.**  
 Wives in Kurdistan have to be bought. Several thousand dollars will be paid for a damsel of high birth and attractive appearance, and her father will usually expect to be given, in addition, a pony and some costly changes of raiment.

**Surgeon to Birds.**  
 Miss Virginia Pope, a surgeon to birds, intended to be an artist when she started out in life. She became interested in birds while selling prepared bird food in order to maintain herself while Art was still a beckoning Muse, with nothing substantial, from a financial standpoint, in her luring palm. The birds were so fascinating that Miss Pope decided to devote herself to feathered friends and let Art drift on over the mountains.—Exchange.

**Character Formed by Reading.**  
 As hardly anything can accidentally touch the soft clay without stamping its mark on it, so hardly any reading can interest a child, without contributing in some degree, though the book itself be afterward totally forgotten, to form the character.—Whately.

**Architect of His Own Fortune.**  
 The proverb, "Every man is the architect of his own fortune," is found in most modern languages. According to Sallust, Roman historian, the phrase originated with Appian Claudius Cæcilius, who held the office of censor in 312 B. C. A century later Plautus, a Roman dramatist, asserted that "the wise man is the maker of his own fortune, and, unless he is a bungling workman, little can befall him which he would wish to change." Another form is, "His own character is the architect of everyone's fortune."

**Consistency.**  
 Betty—"The idea of Bob whistling to attract my attention; I felt insulted and wouldn't notice him—Hark! What's that? It's Jack honking his auto horn for me to come out. Excuse me, dear, I must go."

**Freck Phrases.**  
 At the club the other evening the conversation turned to palindromes, words and phrases which spell the same whether you start at the beginning or at the end. One member remarked that the best palindrome he had ever seen—the best because it was a perfectly natural sequence of words in an advertisement—was a sign which appeared in a drug-store window thirty years ago. It was at a time when Red Root was popular as a curative agent and the palindromic sign read: "Red Root Put Up to Order."—Boston Transcript.

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**Liner Carries Fish in Tanks.**  
 On one of the big tourist steamships leaving New York for a Mediterranean cruise, live fish were carried in tanks for consumption on the liner dining-tables.

**Biographer's Chief Task.**  
 "One of the most delicate secrets of biography," says Gamaliel Bradford, in his "American Portraits, 1875-1900," "is the distinction between gossip and psychological and spiritual truth. Gossip, the mere accumulation of quaint but irrelevant details, may stimulate curiosity but it satiates and wearies in the end. But even insignificant touches, trifling actions, brief words that throw open a wide window upon the soul are inexhaustibly fascinating to the true analyst. It is the proper task of the biographer to separate gossip from the things that really count."

**Oldest Biblical Versions.**  
 The four oldest versions of the Bible are the Aquila, Symmachus, Theodotion, in Greek, and the Peshitta in Syriac.

**Immune.**  
 Once there was a conductor who was not satisfied with his wages, and left. The next day, while looking for a job, he happened to step on the third rail. Did he get killed? No. He was a nonconductor.—Science and Invention Magazine.

**A Little Imitator.**  
 A tiny girl of five taken to a vaudeville show was much impressed with the ventriloquist. That evening while saying her prayers she asked God to look after her brothers and sisters and to make her a good girl—then after a brief pause she was heard to say, sotto voce: "All right!"

## ARE YOUR CHILDREN EXTRAVAGANT?

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